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Madison, Wisconsin -- Erik C. Peterson, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Michele M. Hiatt, 53, of Superior, Wisconsin, was sentenced today by Chief U.S. District Judge Barbara B. Crabb to 30 months in federal prison for possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine. Hiatt pleaded guilty to this charge on March 7, 2007.

On May 3, 2006, police executed a search warrant at the defendant's home in Superior and found methamphetamine in her bedroom. Following that, in September 2006, a confidential informant made three controlled buys of methamphetamine from Hiatt. On November 28, 2006, police executed a second search warrant at the defendant's home and found 11 grams of methamphetamine, packaging for the delivery of methamphetamine, and a large amount of United States currency.

The charges against Hiatt were the result of an investigation conducted by the Superior Police Department, Douglas County Sheriff's Department, the Wisconsin Department of Justice, Division of Criminal Investigation-Narcotics Bureau, and the Lake Superior Drug Task Force. The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney David J. Reinhard.